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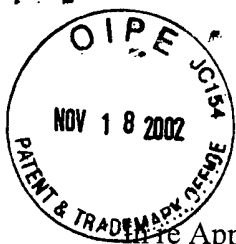
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

J. D. Westwood

Serial No.: 09/753,433

Filed: 01/02/2001

For: METHOD OF MAKING NiFeCo-O-N OR  
NiFeCo-N FILMS FOR SHIELDS AND/  
OR POLES OF A MAGNETIC HEAD

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: Tianjie Chen

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/21/2002 the Applicant elects Group II claims 19-40 without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this document he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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